Proposal to impose a moratorium on private banks

3092. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to impose a moratorium on a number of private banks with the ultimate objective of merging or amalgamating them with public sector banks; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such banks under consideration and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Decisions if any, in such cases are made public only in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Move to increase banking hours

3093. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to increase the banking hours in various banks;

(b) if so, whether this move has been implemented in any bank; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). As of now, no bank has taken any decision to the effect.

Vacant posts of Assistant Engineer (Civil in Municipal Corporation of Delhi

3094. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has asked the Employment Exchange to sponsor candidates to fill up about 60 vacant posts of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and list sponsored by the Employment Exchange is pending with the MCD; and

(b) if so, by when the selection formalities of the said candidates are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) Against the 60 vocancies of Assistant Engineer (Civil), notified by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the Employment Exchange sponsored 109 names. These were considered in-sufficient and hence another list of candidates has been called for. The process of selection can be completed after following the prescribed procedure on receipt of the second list.

सिंचाई क्षमता में वृद्धि

3095. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या जल संधाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता पैदा करने का कोई लक्ष्य रखा गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस अवधि के दौरान सिंचाई उपयोजन में वृद्धि करने की भी स्कीमें बनाई गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्य है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) :

(क) से (घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता सृजित करने के वास्ते प्रस्तावों को अभी तक अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।